



City of Gaithersburg Press Release

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Gaithersburg Celebrates Arab American Heritage Month

Gaithersburg, MD – (April 12, 2021) In honor of Arab American Heritage Month, the City of Gaithersburg invites you to follow its [Special Events Facebook page](#) for a virtual celebration highlighting the culture, heritage and achievements of our Arab American neighbors. Presentations and informational posts coordinated by the City's Multicultural Affairs Committee will be shared throughout the month of April, including an Arab American Mother's Day Song, calligraphy demonstration, and an educational presentation about Arab countries, influential Arab Americans, and the celebration of Ramadan.

The Mayor and City Council proclaimed April 2021 as Arab American Heritage Month in the City of Gaithersburg to recognize the Arab American community for its achievements and contributions to the fabric of our society. The proclamation was presented to Dr. Deborah L. Trent, Chair of the Montgomery County Office of Community Partnership's Middle Eastern American Advisory Group and member of the Arab American Institute's National Policy Council. View the presentation [here](#).

Dr. Trent's maternal grandparents immigrated from Ain Arab, Lebanon, and she has lived and worked in Montgomery County since 1988. Her career in public diplomacy and development focuses on educational and cultural program design, monitoring, and evaluation. She is currently an independent consultant. Read more [here](#).

The mission of the Multicultural Affairs Committee is to enrich our City through the promotion of understanding, respect, and appreciation of the many cultures of Gaithersburg. Learn more [here](#).

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